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Title: MARINE PROPULSION DEVICE WITH A VARIABLE AIR INTAKE SYSTEM

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Sir:

Applicant has become aware of the United States Patent described below and is providing a copy for Examiner's review.

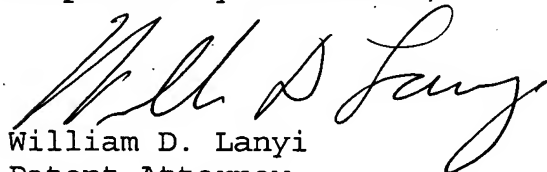
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United States Patent 5,937,818, which issued to Kawai et al. on August 17, 1999, describes a ventilation system for an outboard motor. The system has a water propulsion device and an internal combustion engine positioned in a cowling. The engine has an output shaft arranged to drive the water propulsion device. The ventilating system includes an air inlet in the cowling which permits air to flow into an engine compartment in which the engine is positioned. It also includes an exhaust port positioned in the cowling. The system also includes a mechanism for drawing air through the inlet into the compartment and expelling air out of the compartment through the exhaust port after the engine has stopped.

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Applicant respectfully requests Examiner to consider the patent described above during the prosecution of the subject patent application.

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